Murder Suspect Is Found Slain
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The body of a Midlothian man scheduled to go on trial for murder was found in a Cook County Forest Preserve in Midlothian, authorities said Saturday.

Cook County Forest Preserve Police Commander Bruce Quintos said his investigators were checking several leads in the murder of Martin Myers, 43, of 14251 S. Central Ave.

Myers had been shot once in the head and once in the abdomen, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. His body was found at about 10:30 p.m. Friday near the entrance to the old, abandoned Bachelor Woods Cemetery, near Rubio Woods.

"We do have leads," said Quintos, "and the investigators are out there now talking to people." Quintos said he could not disclose how the body was found. He said the body probably had not been there too long before being discovered.

Last January, Myers had pleaded not guilty in the Chicago Ridge branch of Cook County Circuit Court to a murder charge in the death of Mark Lee Tilton, 31, who police said lived out of his truck. What first appeared to be a hit- and-run accident turned out to be a murder, Hickory Hills police said in January.

Police alleged Myers deliberately ran down Tilton, who he believed was a rival for his ex-girlfriend's affections. Authorities said when Myers came across Tilton "by chance," walking alone in the 8300 block of South Kean Avenue, he decided to kill him. Hickory Hills Police Chief Peter Hurst said Saturday that he believed Myers was to go on trial for the murder of Tilton in the next two weeks.

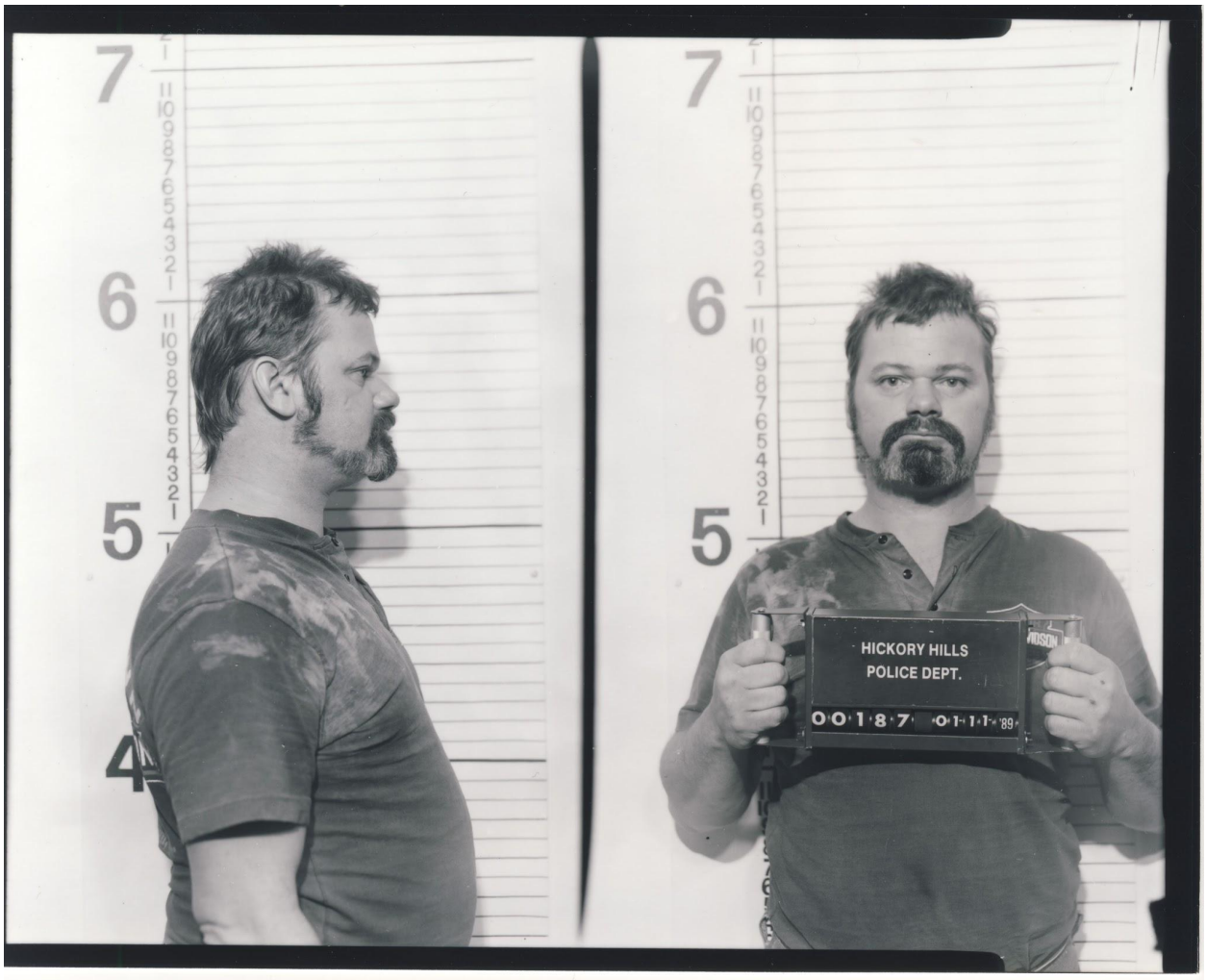
According to police reports, Myers, driving a utility truck, had driven past Tilton, turned around, sped up and hit him head-on.

Tilton was walking along the roadside because his truck had broken down in Chicago, police said. They said they weren't sure what he was doing in the area. Tilton had gotten off work earlier from his job at a Chicago company that refurbishes locomotive engines.

An autopsy by the Cook County medical examiner's office listed the cause of Tilton's death as multiple injuries caused by a motor vehicle. Police said they found glass and other evidence of a hit-and-run accident at the scene.

Myers had been employed as a truck driver until being charged with the murder, according to a neighbor. He had been married, but currently was living with his mother.

Cook County Forest Preserve police were handling the investigation on their own, Quintos said.



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MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE REPORT COOK COUNTY

450 APR '89 CASE NO.

DECEASED	AGE	SEX	RACE	ADDRESS	PHONE
Tent. Martin Myers	30's	M	W	14251 Central Ave. Midlothian Ill.	388-6508

CLASSIFICATION: NATURAL ____ VIOLENT ____ D.O.B. - Unknown

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION: SCENE ✓ TELEPHONE ____ F.H. ____ HOSP. ____

ADDRESS OF OCCURENCE: 5900 W. Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, Ill.

TYPE OF PREMISES WHERE FOUND: Forest Preserve (near cemetery)

TIME/DATE FOUND: 2240hrs 4/21/89

POLICE AGENCY R.D. #: 04-89-1179

PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS	PHONE
Crestwood P.D.			
PERSON INTERVIEWED			
Det. Trammell #410	R/O	Cook County Forest Preserve P.D.	771-1000

PRONOUNCEMENT:	PHYSICIAN:	HOSPITAL:
DATE: 4/22/89 TIME: 0030	Investigator Thompson	Scene

POLICE NOTIFIED	INSTITUTE NOTIFIED	ARRIVAL:	CLOSED:
DATE:	DATE: 4/21/89	DATE:	4/22/89
TIME:	TIME: 2310	TIME:	0300

NARRATIVE: DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH-PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC.

Scene Investigation: Multiple gunshot Victim

R/I assigned this case on 4/22/89. The following information was obtained from Det. Trammell #410 of the Cook County Forest Preserve P.D. Subject was found face up near the entrance of the Bachelor Woods Cemetary which is located 5900 W. Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, Ill. at approximately 2240hrs on 4/22/89. Subject was fully clothed and appeared to have sustained multiple gunshot wounds. R/I pronounced Subject at the Scene at 0030hrs on 4/22/89. Det. Trammell #410, stated that a Nearby resident heard Several gunshots and called police. Police

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recovered one expended Shell Casing near Subjects body but they have no Motive, Weapon or Suspect at this time. Subject was tentatively identified as Martin Myers From miscellaneous papers found in his pockets. Subject has been ordered to the Institute for further examination.

H. Thorpman #55
REPORTING INVESTIGATOR

Howard Thorpman #55
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE